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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF SINAI FIELD MISSION SITES

REF: STATE 19322

1. MEDIA CLAMOR FOR LOOK AT SFM SITE, PARTICULARLY FROM AMERICAN TV NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES, HAS BEEN INCREASING HERE. LACK OF TIME TO COORDINATE CLEARANCES PREVENTED TRIP JAN. 27 OR 28. NOW PLANNING TO CLEAR AT LEAST NBC, CBS AND ABC REPRESENTATIVES FOR COVERAGE AT FIELD SITE JAN. 29.

2. UNLESS WASHINGTON PERCEIVES OBJECTION, PROPOSE TO AUTHORIE ONE-TIME VISIT FOR ABOVE-MENTIONED MEDIA PLUS OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ON JAN. 29 TO CALM PRESS. PRESS WILL BE INFORMED BY IDF SPOKESMAN THAT VISIT IS ONLY TO SINAI FIELD MISSION ISITE. IDF AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THEY WILL PERMIT NO COVERAGE OF EITHER PROPOSED E-1 OR J-1 INSTALLATIONS.

3. OVERALL QUESTION OF PRESS POLICY AND POINT-OF-CONTACT FOR SFM NEEDS FURTHER DEFINITION. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN BEARING BRUNT OF CURRENT PRESS DISPLEASURE BUT HAVE NO AGREED SFM ROLE. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SFM DIRECTOR IN PLACE, PROPOSE THAT EMBASSY BE SOLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR
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PRESS IN ISRAEL. IF WASHINGTON CONCURS, EMBASSY SPOKESMEN

WILL NEED COMPLETE BRIEFING, GUIDANCE AND AUTHORITY TO
WORK WITH SFM DIRECTOR.
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